

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4540
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NON-CORE ACTIVITIES OF STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the SAIL has entered in the fertilizer production activity;
- (b) if so, the details of SAIL's various activities in the said sector;
- (c) whether the SAIL has decided to leave all the non-core activities, including fertilizers;
- (d) if so, the time by which the SAIL is likely to dispense with all its fertilizer units; and
- (e) if not, the reasons for continuing in the non-core activities by SAIL?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)&(b): Steel Authority of India Limited(SAIL) has a fertilizer plant at Rourkela. It produces fertilizer Calcium Ammonium Nitrate and also produces intermediate chemicals like Ammonia, Ammonium Nitrate and Nitric acid

(c)to(e): SAIL proposes to set up joint venture for the following units :

- (i) Power Plants at Bokaro, Bhilai, Durgapur and Rourkela
- (ii) Oxygen Plant-2 of Bhilai Steel Plant
- (iii) Alloy Steels Plant (ASP), Durgapur
- (iv) Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP), Bhadravati
- (v) Fertilizer Plant at Rourkela
- (vi) Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO)
- (vii) Salem Steel Plant

The process of conversion into joint venture for the Fertilizer Plant is scheduled to be completed by December, 2001.